

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2320

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 4, 1982

Application of AIRPORT LIMO, INC., )  
for a Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity to )  
Perform Special Operations to and )  
from Washington National Airport )

Case No. AP-81-16

By Order No. 2282, served November 24, 1981, certain portions of the above-captioned application were denied. On December 15, 1981, applicant sought reconsideration of that part of Order No. 2282 which denied authority to conduct special operations between Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, the Mayflower Hotel and the Hyatt Regency Hotel, both located in the District of Columbia. Pursuant to Order No. 2298, served December 22, 1981, the record in this case was reopened and on January 19, 1982, additional testimony was taken.

The director of guest services for the Hyatt Regency estimated that approximately 70 percent of the hotel's patrons (averaging 650 guests a night) arrive from or depart to National Airport. Existing transportation facilities--taxicabs, subway and private transportation are said to be unsatisfactory for various reasons. The witness believes that a regularly scheduled service would be more beneficial to the hotel and its guests both as a "selling point" to attract group patronage and because applicant's rate would be lower (for one person) than the corresponding taxicab fare. The witness also believes that persons other than hotel guests would utilize applicant's proposed service.

The office manager of the Mayflower Hotel adopted the above-stated views regarding the advantages of scheduled service to and from National Airport. This witness estimated that 70 to 80 percent of the hotels guests arrive from National and that over half of that group utilizes taxicabs. No existing mass transit service is deemed convenient for these travelers.

Based on this testimony, we find that the public convenience and necessity requires the service described above. See Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Airport Limo, Inc., is hereby granted additional authority to transport passengers and their baggage, in the same vehicle with passengers, in special operations, between Washington National Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other, the Mayflower Hotel 1127 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., and the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N. W., both in Washington, D. C.

2. That the date heretofore set by which applicant must comply with the directives of Order No. 2282 is hereby rescheduled to Wednesday, March 31, 1982.

3. That in all other respects Order No. 2282 remains in full force and effect.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director